

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING

DOCKET NO. 2014-81-S

Application of Threatt Enterprises, Inc. for the Establishment of Rates and Charges for the Provision of Sewer Services (Quail Haven Subdivision)

Threatt Enterprises, Inc. ("Applicant" or "Company") filed an Application with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("the Commission") for the establishment of rates and charges for the provision of sewer services in the Quail Haven Subdivision in Pickens County, South Carolina. The Application was filed pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §58-5-210 and 10 S. C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-501, 103-504, and 103-541. The Application states that the Quail Haven Subdivision includes 142 single family units and 12 apartment units with approximately 10 suitable lots for home sites remaining in this development. The Applicant has been in existence since 1971 and constructed a wastewater treatment facility ("WWTF") and associated collection system ("CS") in 1972 which serves homes in the Quail Haven Subdivision in Pickens County. The Application reveals that the Company has provided the cost for the operation and maintenance of the WWTF and CS; has not charged the residents of the Subdivision sewer fees; and the Quail Haven Subdivision is not presently served by any public utility providing sewer service subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission. The Company seeks Commission approval of proposed rates as outlined in Exhibit B of its Application. On pages three and four of the Application, the Applicant cites justification for its proposed sewer rate, including, but not limited to, the following reasons: to allow the Company to recover its costs and expenses of providing service in order to provide reasonable and adequate service to its customers and to comply with standards and regulations set by the Department of Health and Environmental Control and other governmental agencies which regulate the environmental aspects of the Applicant's business.

THE PROPOSED RATES AND CHARGES ARE SET FORTH BELOW

(The complete rate schedule is available from the Company at the address below and on the Commission's website at www.psc.sc.gov)

Monthly Charges

Monthly charge per single-family house,
condominium, mobile home, or apartment
unit:

\$ 35.00 per unit

Non-Recurring Charges

A. Sewer service connection charge for
new units

\$300.00

B. Customer Account Charge – for new
customers only

A one-time fee to defray the costs of initiating service

\$ 25.00

C. Solid Interceptor Tanks

For all customers receiving sewage collection service through an approved solids interceptor tank, the following charges shall apply:

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Attention: Clerk's Office
Post Office Drawer 11649
Columbia, SC 29211

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Pumping Charge

At such time as the Utility determines through its inspection that excessive solids have accumulated in the interceptor tank, the Utility will arrange for the pumping tank and will include \$150.00 as a separate item in the next regular billing to the customer.

Pump Repair or Replacement Charge

If a separate pump is required to transport the customer's sewage from solids interceptor tank to the Utility's sewage collection system, the Utility will arrange to have this pump repaired or replaced as required and will include the cost of such repair or replacement as a separate item in the next regular billing to the customer and may be paid for over a one-year period.

Visual Inspection Port

In order for a customer who uses a solids interceptor tank to receive sewage service from the Utility or to continue to receive such service, the customer shall install at the customer's expense a visual inspection port which will allow for observations of the contents of the solids interceptor tank and extraction of test samples therefrom. Failure to provide such visual inspection port after timely notice of not less than thirty (30) days shall be just cause for interruption of service until a visual inspection port has been installed.

Notification and Disconnection Charge

- A. Notification Fee: A fee of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) shall be charged to each customer per notice to whom the Utility mails the notice as required by Commission Rule 103-535.1 prior to service being discontinued. This fee assesses a portion of the clerical and mailing costs of such notices to the customers creating the cost.
- B. Disconnection Charges: In addition to any other charges that may be due, in those cases where a customer's service has been disconnected for any reason as set forth in Commission Rule 103-532.4, the customer is found to have vacated his premises or the customer has shown his intent to vacate his premises and the imposition of a reconnection charge is not feasible, a disconnection fee in the amount of \$500.00 shall be due at the time the customer disconnects service. Where an elder valve has been previously installed, a disconnection fee of forty dollars (\$40.00) shall be charged.

Late Payment Charges

Any balance unpaid within twenty-five (25) days of the billing date shall be assessed a late payment charge of one and one-half percent (1½%) for each month, or any part of a month, that said payment is late.

A copy of the company's application can be found on the Commission's website at www.psc.sc.gov under Docket No. 2014-81-S. Additionally, a copy of the application is available from the corporate office of Daniel Trammel, Esquire, P. O. Box 462, Greer, South Carolina 29652.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a hearing on the above matter has been scheduled to begin on **Thursday, July 31, 2014, at 10:00 a.m.**, before the Commission in the Commission's Hearing Room at 101 Executive Center Drive, Saluda Building, Columbia, South Carolina 29210 for the purpose of receiving testimony and evidence from all interested parties. The hearing may continue through August 1, 2014, if necessary.

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter as a party of record should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure on or before **May 8, 2014**. For the receipt of future Commission correspondence, please include an email address in the Petition to Intervene. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2014-81-S and mail a copy to all other parties in this docket.*** Any person who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing should notify, in writing, the Commission; the Office of Regulatory Staff at 1401 Main Street, Suite 900, Columbia, South Carolina 29201; and the company at the above address, on or before **May 8, 2014**. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2014-81-S.***

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Any person who wishes to request that the Commission hold a public hearing in his or her county of residence in order to hear comments from the utility's customers, should notify, in writing, the Commission; the Office of Regulatory Staff at 1401 Main Street, Suite 900, Columbia, South Carolina 29201; and the company at the above address, on or before **May 8, 2014**. *Please refer to Docket No. 2014-81-S.*

For the most recent information regarding this docket, please refer to www.psc.sc.gov and *Docket No. 2014-81-S*.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that any person who wishes to have his or her comments considered as part of the official record of this proceeding **MUST** present such comments in person to the Commission during the hearing.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's procedures should contact the Commission at (803) 896-5100 or visit its website at www.psc.sc.gov.

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